

## Indian Chieftain.

VINITA, IND. TER., Oct. 5, 1899

Little Helen Butler is ill. Pawpaws are ripe and plentiful. J. Warren Reed is up from Fort Smith. Delightful weather for court, or any other purpose. Miss Viola Martin returned from Neosho yesterday. Bartlesville has a new postmaster, Arthur J. Morgan. B. D. Pennington, of Chelsea, is over attending court. New students at Willie Hallsell are being enrolled every week. A number of sign writers are busy in various parts of the city. G. W. Jamison, the Centralia merchant, was in the city Tuesday. To have beautiful clear white clothes, use Red Cross Ball Blue. J. T. Gunter is having a number of stalls in his livery stable refitted. Red Cross Ball Blue delights the laundress. Large package only 5 cts. First class shoemaker—with all kinds of repairing done. Lee Barrett. The acreage of wheat in this section will be materially lessened henceforth. The fire-walls of the First National bank block are being pointed up and repaired. T. F. Thompson and wife received a fine driving horse as a present from J. C. Gray. K. Lee Comer went to Kansas City Monday—not without ordering the Daily Chieftain. Ladies who take pride in beautiful clear white clothes, should use Red Cross Ball Blue. A. J. Whitworth, a magnetic healer from Nevada, Mo., contemplates locating in this city. If you would have your clothes that delicate, clear white, so desirable, use Red Cross Ball Blue. Miss 'Liza Thornton got back to town today, much to the satisfaction of one family at least. Everybody who has been away from Vinita any length of time remarks on the growth of the town. For a change, in the hope of it benefiting him, Ed Miller went up to his mother's a few days since. Several cherry trees are in blossom at Mrs. O'Shea's home. Something uncommon for this time of year. J. Howard Langley's child, reported sick at Siloam Springs, died last week, after its recovery seemed assured. J. R. Sheehan, who is undergoing treatment in St. Louis for his eyes, writes favorable of his condition. Miss Florence Harmon returned Sunday from a short visit with her friend, Miss Lou Lessley, at Welch. Mrs. Will Ward went to St. Louis Monday to visit her sister and make some purchases for the Jumbo store. Supervisor E. S. Coppock returned from Cherokee Tuesday. He is going over east of Grand river among the fullblooms. Miss Sellick, some years ago a music teacher at the college, whose home is in Texas, is now installed as governess in Mr. Hallsell's family. Under the proposed contract between Grove and the railroad company the road was to be completed to that town in ten months. The Wilburton Lumber Co. will hereafter have its office on Illinois avenue, opposite the Western. The building is being put up. W. P. Ross came down from Coffeyville Monday, accompanied by his nephew, Dennis Gilbert, who has entered school at the college. George W. McKeehan is from Catoosa and looking at the stately brick blocks and plate glass windows half regrets ever leaving the old place. Judge Springer received a telegram from Chickasha yesterday stating that Frank Jennings and both O'Malleys had pleaded guilty to train robbery. A lot of bogus pay checks have been worked on the company by the contractor of the new Bartlesville railroad extending south of that place. Miss Pearl Holderman was selected as "daughter of the regiment"—the Sixth Kansas, her father's old command—at Kansas City, Kas., last week. Cleanse the liver and bowels, and regulate the system by using Prickly Ash Bitters. It creates and sustains energy. For sale by Chapman & Briggs. Among the Claremore visitors at the court Monday are John Bullette, Joe Lahay, W. R. Campbell, R. Lee Comer, Will Frye, George, Walkley and John M. Taylor, Jr. The key to health is in the kidneys and liver. Keep these organs active and you have health, strength and cheerful spirits. Prickly Ash Bitters is a stimulant for the kidneys, regulates the liver, stomach and bowels. A golden household remedy. For sale by Chapman & Briggs. No Right to Ugliness. The woman who is lovely in face, form and temper will always have friends, but one who would be attractive must keep her health. If she is weak, sickly and all run down she will be nervous and irritable. If she has constipation or kidney trouble her impure blood will cause pimples, blotches, skin eruptions and a wretched complexion. Electric Bitters is the best medicine in the world to regulate stomach, liver and kidneys and to purify the blood. It gives strong nerves, bright eyes, smooth, velvety skin, rich complexion. It will make a good-looking, charming woman of a run-down invalid. Only 50 cents at People's drug store and A. W. Foreman's. Pioneer Restaurant Man. Whitney, the man who set the pattern on popular priced restaurants, is now located second door south of post-office. His old customers will not only be glad to see him, but he will be glad to see them, and will continue to observe his old rule—"Best meal for the money."

### Order It Now.

Attorneys, lawyers and other court attendants can have The Daily Chieftain left at their hotels or boarding houses in any part of the city for a week or a month.

### Child Better.

J. B. Drew and family returned from Oklahoma this week. Their sick child has improved to some extent but its condition is not as good as could be desired.

### A Speedy Nag.

About the most interesting subject (to him) you can touch W. T. Hutchings on is a certain mare he has which can show a little better clip than anything in the B. I. T.

### A High Official.

Mother Apoline, general superior of the sisters of Mt. Carmel, after a visit of two weeks with the sisters of Sacred Heart, this city, went to Tulsa Tuesday morning.

### Mrs. Ross Returns.

Mrs. W. P. Ross and daughter, Miss Emma, came up this week to stay with Mr. Badgett's family, and incidentally be present at the millinery and dry goods opening.

### E. L. Entertainment.

There will be a literary meeting of the Epworth League this evening at 8 o'clock at Willie Hallsell college dormitory. All interested in league work are requested to be present.

### Back From North Carolina.

W. C. Patton and family returned from North Carolina this week, looking well but somewhat travel-worn. They have been spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Rowsey, at Miami.

### Sold Out.

Chilson & Chilson have sold their business to a Mr. Hardester, from Holden, Mo. The Messrs. Chilson expect to make Vinita their home, and will go east in the near future to buy goods for a new store.

### Fine Lot of Calves.

L. J. Froge, on the Bluejacket place, has about the best lot of calves in this country, for which he has been offered \$14. He bought 90 head of northwest Texas cows and got 80 calves, nearly all of them white-faces.

### Died.

Miss Ida Lane died Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mr. Brown in this city. She had been ill only a short time, with typhoid fever. The lady was from Pointville, Ky. The funeral took place from the residence at three o'clock, by Rev. M. L. Butler, yesterday.

### Case of Diphtheria.

There is a case of diphtheria in the southwestern part of town. The patient is the eight year old son of Mrs. Cora Skelley, Mrs. Joe Harris' daughter. Dr. Bagby treated the sufferer with anti-toxin some days ago and yesterday it was better. No spread of the disease is anticipated.

### Fancy Fowls.

Brown Hitchcock, who lives on Pawpaw, received this week from New Albany, Ind., four pair of pure bred, guaranteed registered and scored, white Plymouth Rocks. They are said to be the finest chickens ever brought to this country, and were purchased from the secretary of the White Plymouth Rock Club of America.

### Bismarck's Iron Nerve.

Was the result of his splendid health. Indomitable will and tremendous energy are not found where stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels are out of order. If you want those qualities and the success they bring use Dr. King's New Life Pills. They develop every power of brain and body. Only 25 cents at A. W. Foreman's and People's drug store.

### The Nickle-Plate Shows.

The Harris Nickle-Plate shows, which gave performances in Columbia Monday and Tuesday, was largely attended and everybody who saw it pronounced it one of the best shows of the kind that ever visited here. The riding and acrobatic feats are especially daring and exciting and well executed.—Daily Register, Columbia, S. C. At Vinita, Oct. 11.

### Cake Walk a Success.

The cake walk at the opera house Tuesday evening was quite a success. There was a large crowd and the receipts amounted to something over \$40. Benson Crockett and Miss Fannie Knight won first prize. George Green and Miss Birdie Ironside received the second. After the chorus little Willie Vehmeren, only two and a half years old, did the cake walk to a finish and the audience was delighted. Willie is an unusually bright child for his age, and this was considered the principal feature of the evening.

### A MODOC HERE.

Great Contrast 'Twixt Their People and the Government. Sam Lawver, a Modoc Indian, is here as a witness before the grand jury, and was engaged in conversation regarding the present status of his people. By sad experience the Modocs learned of the power of the government. They thought themselves invincible in the lava beds, but in commenting on the matter old Sam said in comparison with the United States they were as frail as though only shielded by a bush.

### THE HAY ROYALTY CASES.

F. M. Smith Expelled From The Country, but Returned. Interest in the hay royalty cases, the absorbing topic last week, has not abated. Smith & Leforce declined to pay and Smith was taken across the Kansas line Thursday night. He returned a day or two later and was arrested under the clause making the penalty for return \$1,000. Further details of the case will be found in our court reports. D. T. Hall paid the royalty demanded of him and subsequently Jim Leforce paid on their cars and the hay was released.

## THE NEW IN MILLINERY.

Feathres and Birds Follow the Flowers.

While artists and designers fashion new styles of ladies' headgear, feminine loveliness will continue to come out on opening nights to admire and try on their productions.

Last Thursday afternoon and night saw the ushering in of the fall millinery season at E. N. Ratcliff Millinery Co's. It also saw an opening devoid of music, cut flowers or any "side issues"—simply a display of millinery and its accessories. While the store below disclosed the exercise of industry and good taste in preparing for the event, there was a lack of appearance of having all the stock on exhibition, and nothing was done to detract from the millinery department display up stairs. There hats and bonnets for persons of all ages, and tastes, and conditions in society, were to be seen. Feathers, birds and pronounced colors have succeeded the flowers and airy trimmings of summer, and there is a suggestion of cheery winter in the surroundings.

A millinery opening where the hats were not handsome would be a wonder. Were they not so no openings would be held. By no means was the beauty and loveliness confined last night to Miss Fayant's creations in millinery. The guests, by their smiling and animated faces, did much to add to the beauty of the scene, and there is no denying that the attractiveness of a hat is materially enhanced by surmounting a handsome face—and this is a rule that works both ways.

Aside from the hats and feathers, which traversed the whole line of such articles, as stated, one of the most attractive sights was the display of velvets for trimmings. They were tastefully massed along one side of the room and made a show which missed the eye of no one. Some of them, the greens in particular, were exquisite.

## ACCIDENTALLY KILLED.

Exclaimed "I am Shot Bad," and Expired.

Dudley Sutton, son of Henry Sutton, at Echo, accidentally shot himself while out squirrel hunting on Grand river Saturday afternoon in company with his brother-in-law, Mr. Parkinson. The ball struck him in the side and passed up through the heart and out at the shoulder. The deceased uttered but a single sentence, "I am shot bad," and fell dead. He was about 23 years old and leaves a wife.

## CATTLE STEALING.

A Rainy Day Item Held in Abeyance.

A very interesting chapter on cattle stealing in the Cherokee nation could be written, and some time when news gets scarce we'll take a day off and write it up. The real reason why cattle thieves have not been vigorously prosecuted is because the average cattlemen full of skeletons. Before the introduction of United States courts in the Indian Territory the small stock owner had about as much show as the proverbial "snowball in bades."

## FOR A POUCHED MAIL.

Prospect for a Flyer Exchange With Muskogee.

An effort will be made to get an exchange of pouches mails with Muskogee by the flyers. As this is in the discretion of the superintendent of railway mail service at St. Louis, and would be a great convenience and entails no extra expense, there would likely be no difficulty in securing it. A request signed by a dozen or two of our business and professional men should be sufficient.

## BAPTISTS ARE WORKERS.

A District Missionary Maintained by One Association.

Rev. C. L. Greene, secretary of the Grand River Baptist Association, was in the city this week. He is maintained as missionary on this field by one association in North Carolina, the Three Forks Baptist Association of Watona county. It cannot be denied that, although the association named has 33 churches and represents 4,000 members, it is doing a large work.

## ROPING AND RIDING.

Territory Entries at St. Louis Fair Contest.

Among the list of those entered in the St. Louis fair riding and roping contests appear the following residents of this territory: Ed Ramsey, Inola. W. P. Rogers, Oologah. B. B. Posey, Wagoner. C. W. Burns, Claremore. C. C. Jackson, Chouteau. Hick Miller, Ft. Gibson. J. W. Bell, Chouteau. George Moore, Chouteau.

## PROSPECTING ABROAD.

Our Own Deposits Ignored Almost Entirely.

All over the southwest—the Cherokee nation and Vinita included—are persons who have been prospecting for lead and zinc mines in central Arkansas. The more difficult of access, the more highly, apparently, are the rocky hills prized. At Coffeyville and among the well-to-do territory residents below there, syndicates enough to float the Maine have been formed, and all are going to get rich, "when railroads are built into that country." Under the United States mining laws forty acres can be taken and when \$500 worth of development work has been performed—calculated at \$4 or \$5 a day—a deed is secured on payment of \$2.50 an acre. Very strangely, little thought, comparatively, has been given to our own lead deposits, the existence of which, in the country to the south-east, across Grand river, all who have been here any length of time are aware of.

Over at West Fork a gentleman reports seeing large quantities of a yellowish rock being hauled in and loaded for shipment to Swansea, Wales. It was silica and is reduced and the mineral extracted free of charge, for certain medical properties which it gives off at the same time.

## TAKE WARNING.

Use of Our Means, Not Possession of Them, Count.

Thirty years ago Chicago people said with a great deal of assurance that Chicago would be as large and important a city as St. Louis, and the boasted reason was that St. Louis had the money while Chicago was in debt and without money. St. Louis at that time had 30 per cent larger population than Chicago. What the enterprise of Chicago has accomplished has astonished the world. While St. Louis has grown steadily, Chicago has more than doubled the population of St. Louis and three times the commerce. The city without money but with plenty of enterprise has so far out grown the wealthy but sleepy neighbor that the one wouldn't much more than make a suburb to the other. Vinita should profit by St. Louis' experience. Vinita has the money, will her people give some of it up to get the new railroad headed this way and other good things at command? Will they hold the nickel so closely to the eye as to obscure from the vision the dollar that could be got by going after it? Other territory towns are alive and on the alert, and Vinita must not relax her vigilance or energy, simply because she has more wealth within her borders than any two or three of her most important neighbors.

## GROWING IN IMPORTANCE.

Excelsior Laundry Doing a Big Business.

The Muskogee steam laundry has been shut down for the past two weeks, and the Excelsior of Vinita has been doing their work. The capacity of the plant here is large enough so that this extra work was handled without any difficulty. In this connection we are glad to note that the Excelsior steam laundry has grown to be one of the institutions of the town. All summer they have furnished employment to from eight to ten persons. During the last year their disbursements for labor, fuel, supplies, etc., amounted to between three and four thousand dollars. It is much better for the town to have this amount kept in circulation at home than to have it sent away, and all such institutions should receive the full support of our people.

## W. C. T. U. CONVENTION.

An Encouraging Report From The Vinita Delegate.

At the recent Territorial W. C. T. U. convention at Poteau the officers elected for the ensuing year were: Mrs. K. Ellett Murrow, of Atoka, president; Mrs. N. E. Oliver, of Sallisaw, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Rogers, of Muskogee, recording secretary; Mrs. Prouty, of Sallisaw, treasurer.

Twelve new unions have been organized in the territory since January. Many consecrated, energetic, talented young women have come into the work.

The treasurer's report showed a greater balance on hand than for several years.

A courteship is springing up between the W. C. T. U. and the Anti-Saloon League. They may become wedded, God's blessing rests upon them, and who knows but the people themselves of the Indian Territory will honor and appreciate them, "when the mist has rolled away."

Mrs. M. C. SRETCH. Delegate, Vinita W. C. T. U. The people of Poteau are delightful, especially the mayor.

# RATCLIFF'S

AMONDAYBARGAIN

## 20 PIECES IVANHOE FLANNELS

We offer next Monday only, Oct. 9th, 20 pieces of Ivanhoe Flannels of excellent quality and beautiful patterns, both light and dark shades, suitable for ladies' and children's warm dresses, dressing sacques, night robes, skirting and underwear. Regular price of this well known fabric is 10 cents and 12 1-2 cents per yard, and you can not buy it for less anywhere. Our price for next Monday only will be

7c PER YARD.

We reserve the right to limit excessive purchases. After Monday the price will be 10 and 12 1-2c. NO LESS.

Ratcliff Mercantile Co.

## SOMEWHAT PERSONAL.

Second Year of The Daily Opens Auspiciously.

The Chieftain is not making any undue noise about its business but is printing a mighty good newspaper every day in the week. We have every reason to believe that it is more generally read than any newspaper in the northern district. Our reasoning has been to go ahead and print the best newspaper possible, and that the people would "do the rest;" we were not mistaken in our calculations and have the satisfaction of knowing that our paper is universally read throughout the Northern district.

A year ago Monday we began the publication of a daily edition of The Chieftain, and are more than gratified at the results and have the satisfaction of seeing it eagerly sought and read by nearly every person in and around Vinita, and quite a large circulation has been reached in the neighboring towns. Each month makes the task of printing a daily newspaper easier, as the town is constantly growing, new people and new features and new enterprises coming to the front rendering the daily gathering of the news imperative.

This week is the beginning of the fall term of court, and we expect to make a specialty of reporting the court news as fully as possible, and the paper will be unusually full of live local and general matter.

## HAD A DETECTIVE.

Vinita Scrutinized by a Female Operator.

Through her own statements and not by reason of any betrayal of confidence by parties here, the information that a detective was "doing" this town recently, became public. It is not understood that the party, a woman, was of the thief-taking class, but was engaged by a firm which makes a specialty of commercial reporting. The financial standing of a business man depends much, in the world of commerce, on his personal habits and conduct, and it was on work of this character that the woman in question claimed to be engaged. Van Buren was visited recently and it was there, for some reason, she chosen to make her occupation known, after completing her work.

## SINK THAT TEST HOLE.

Strike Gas and the Railroad is Assured.

"Vinita could well afford to spend four or five thousand dollars just now in developing the natural gas under-lying the town" said a gentleman last night who does not reside here but is well acquainted with our affairs. He is familiar with the surface indications here and the gas and oil development on all sides of us. Further, he has somewhat to do with railroad extension in this country, and the prospect of Vinita securing the Arkansas & Oklahoma was under discussion. The gentleman had no doubt whatever that gas was at our disposal and once we sunk a well and disclosed it beyond question he believed the new railroad was as good as assured. It would give the town such prominence and assurance of reaching important proportions in a comparatively short time that no extending railroad could afford to miss us.

Certainly it seems as though reasons for the development company getting to work were almost innumerable. Let the first assessment be called and collected while other preliminaries are being considered. The proposed test hole is going to be sunk and money will be needed—no doubt of that.

## CERTAINLY WE ARE HAPPY.

Only One Thing Lacking to Complete Our Joy.

Vinita is to have a Cherokee school and the Chieftain man is happy.—Claremore Progress. Only one thing remains to make The Chieftain supremely happy in the educational line and that is a free school for non-citizens living outside the corporation. If we had sufficient school room The Chieftain would endeavor to bring about the fixing up a nominal tuition rate for these people, but at present it is not practicable. Vinita cannot do a more creditable thing than place free school facilities in reach of all who wish to avail themselves of the same.

## Cattle Crossings Best.

In his railroad building operations Mr. Dayless, of the Arkansas & Oklahoma, has found the best crossing of the streams to be the old cow-trails. The banks at such places have been found without exception to be firmer and altogether well adapted for the railroad's purposes.

## Big Cabin Notes.

John Taylor is going to Oklahoma.

Will Kelly bought a new buggy this week.

Dr. Day and E. J. Dixon have traded horses.

Sam Stewart has rented Bird Ballinger's farm.

G. W. Stout is going to attend the St. Louis fair.

There was a dance at Frank Jones' Saturday night.

The child of Bird Ballinger and wife died last week.

Dr. J. A. Noland is talking of moving over beyond Chelsea.

Rev. Russell preached his last sermon before conference, Sunday.

John McRoberts has about recovered from a long spell of sickness.

Miss Bertha, Miller, of Vinita, was out visiting her parents Sunday.

Mr. Harper and daughter, of Wyandotte, were up to see their friends last week.

Big Cabin looks dull now that so many of our friends are attending court.

Charley McComb and John Roper were in Vinita Monday, to attend court.

"Dad" Stewart bought a new wagon from Jos. Hunt & Son of Vinita, recently.

John Roper came home from Cow-skin Sunday night where he had been visiting for a week.

Our school has an enrollment of 30 which will be increased when corn gathering is finished.

They had a panorama show at Big Cabin school house Saturday night. As the showman displayed his first picture every one of the curtains were pulled down and about forty shots fired.

Sees a Live Town. Bud Weldon, of the Fort Smith Elevator, is among the Fort Smith visitors. He says his town is making big preparations for a street fair week after next.

## Coming To Vinita!

W. H. HARRIS' WORLD FAMOUS

## Nickle Plate Shows

Will Exhibit in Vinita Wednesday, Oct. 11.



"Gypsy," the Largest Elephant on Earth, and Her Little Baby, "Barney."

\$10,000 Den of Performing Lions.

A MULTITUDE OF DARING GYMNASTS.

Two Performances Daily—2 and 8 p. m. DOORS OPEN ONE HOUR EARLIER.